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so hurry and write. Send birth dates*

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My Palestinian pal Kosso Skorohod, S 2c, is adorning the bulkhead of the ship's company library with four murals. One mural, already completed, depicts a figure engrossed in a newspaper in search of knowledge. Kosso, who studied at the Chicago Art Institute, has to his credit several exhibitions which were held in Chicago and Philadelphia. . . . Henry James, S 1c (NWUS), through an error was overpaid last year and now he won't get paid til next June. However, he is undaunted. He had accepted a job with the Railway Express in Boston and worked during his evenings off for a while but soon after they sent him across. Bon voyage! . . . Lt. Marney Lowell (SOE), instructor at Ajo, Ariz., is happy with the visit of his mother who will spend the winter near Marney. Marney also acts as an O. D. . . . Pfc. Jos. Jania, (Int. Hse.), sent me a record-letter and it sure made me happy to hear his voice. Joe, who is a topographer, injured a finger at Camp Funston, Okla., and was transferred to Camp Swift, Texas. Florence joined him and both are taking part in the USO work at the nearby town of Elgin and are also doing folk dancing. Thanks, Joe, Nookers, enjoys being in New Orleans, where, aside of being a Travel Reservationist and answerer to a 1001 questions daily, is also a chaplains assistant. . . . Lt. Ed Carr, former Organic Instructor, who is now at Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., received a call from Dac (Pvt. Dacovich, also of Fairhope). Tho within reach and pulled hard all sorts of strings, they did not get to see each other. As yet Dac is at Camp Beale, Calif. . . . Leo Glab, AM 1c, after two years in the Pacific, is now at Swermore, Calif., and considers it "heaven." Many LYS's will remember Leo and Joe Chubon as the two shy sailors who visited often our Nook when they were in training at the Navy Pier. Joe Chubon, I saw last two years ago at my birthday party in Fairhope. He was then in Pensacola. . . . Wave Charlotte Saret, S 2c (LYS), is also in California, San Francisco. She writes that Viltis is like the breath of LYS itself. . . . Evie Morris visited her hubby, T-Sgt. Hal, (both Int. Hse.) at Memphis, Tenn., and was glad to get away from the Chicago snow and sub-zero weather. Hal is with the 2nd Army headquarters. . . . Julian Grembla, A. M. 2c (NWUS), came home to his wife, Evelyn (nee Caba), from Fiji and Funafuti isles. He loved the South Sea dances on Fiji, but Funafuti was not so Funafuti for a while with the Japs raiding it. Evelyn, who kept up with folk dancing, was giving Julian's rusty bones a polishing up. . . . We hear that Sailor Louis Casebere got himself wed on Jan. 10th at Crown Point, Ind., and brother Ronald, was best man. Congrats to Lou and wife. . . . Cpl. Jimmy Casebere (SOE) was on a nine day trip to New York and what a time he had! Man! He stayed in the Bronx at the home of the parents of a Jewish pal at camp. Not only did he have tasty kosher foods, but also the company of his pal's gal with whom he went a-clubbing at the Zanzibar and the Diamond Horseshoe. Visited all the museums, Bowery, Wall Street, etc., etc., saw Oklahoma and the Mexican Hayride and Hats Off To Ice (with Sonja Heine). . . . Cpl. Jimmy Mitchell was furloughing in Fairhope. He is an instructor at Scott Field, Ill. . . . Dean Saxton, Ph. M. 3c, who is stationed at Great Lakes and a Master at Arms, visited the Int. House and had a grand time meeting the various people of many nationalities and many of my friends too. He enjoyed the dances and was even adjudged as one of the two best dancers that evening. Well! Dean also visits ever so often his brother who is attending college at Kalamazoo, Mich., and thinks Bill looks more like a freshman than a sailor.

OVER THERE

Aside of being an aerial photographer, bombardier, carpenter and jack of all trades, Pfc. Jos. Gimbal, (LYS), has a streak of poetic soul in him too. In his last letter he describes the spectacular sunset on the Pacific. "It looked like the Japanese flag, with red streaks flashing from a red center and as it sank it seemed like an omen for the Japanese future." Joe has also become an expert bridge player. Anything else? . . . Regrets are extended to Jos Wasiluska, MM 2c (Int. Hse.), upon the sudden death of his brother, Pvt. John, in California, at the age of 30. Requiem High Mass was held at the Lith church of St. George with interment at St. Kasimir's, Chicago. John was a North Africa vet. Joe, who is now on the Admiralty Isles in the South Pacific, thinks he'd rather be back in the bleak Aleutians. At least out there he was ambitious and ever eager to do something, while where he is now, sweat pours continuously. . . . Another death of a hero in line of duty is that of Sgt. C. James Huling, (Fairhope and Chicago), on December 29th, over France. . . . Sgt. Al Lankus, (LYS), says (He got this information from an Englishman; and they ought to know): In England they have three months of winter and nine months of bad weather. This statement was supported by Pvt. Gene Grossman who says: "You can't predict anything but miserable weather and you'll be ninety per cent right." Al, who is now a vet of bombings over Germany, enjoys the luxuries of a fire place and a room full of pin-up girls pasted in the walls. . . . Pfc. Albinas Renekis, (Int. Hse.), sent me a photographic recording of the liberation of

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THIS 'N' THAT

CHRISTOS ANESTI!

Since Easter falls on April 1st, this March issue will be our Easter number. May the Feast of The Resurrection, likewise resurrect in the hearts of humanity a surge toward everlasting universal peace and brotherhood, and the end of hostilities forever.

KAZIMERINES

March 4th is St. Kazimir's (Casimer) Day, patron of Lithuania. Tho king of Poland and Lithuania, he led a humble life of piety and goodness.

During the reign of the Lithuanian dynasty of the Jagelonians (1386-1572), Poland experienced her only golden period of greatness in every phase, politically and culturally. Greetings go to all Kazy's of which we have quite a few among the Polish and Lith friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

David Campbell	4
Mrs. Frances Rose	6
Margaret Eileen Smith	6
Mrs. Lillian Totten	10
Patricia McNamara	16
Mrs. Zollie Sawyer	18
Mrs. Mattie Pilot	20
Cpl. Jimmy Casebere	25
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Some of you Viltis readers will find enclosed a circular about the "Wonder Wand." The profit of the sale of 100 has been contributed, when sold, to publication expense. We certainly can use it, for at least two-thirds of our list are not yet contributors to publishing cost. Viltis cash balance is mighty low. VFB.

NOOK OF THOUGHTS

EASTER REFLECTIONS

Twenty centuries ago there lived a humble man, who walked among humble people, amid the lowliest of the low, and where suffering was felt the most, that He might ease that suffering, and bring hope to hopeless apathy.

He was a humble carpenter, a Galilean Jew, the son of Miriam a Levite who was the wife of Joseph, a Judean. He lived in a period of religious and national chaos and forlornness, as far as the Jews, His people, were concerned. Through His great foresight He realized that the Jews, as a nation, were doomed. So "He came unto His own" to prepare them for the blow that was to befall them, teaching that an earthly kingdom was not a solution or salvation, but that the heavenly, spiritual kingdom is the only real, lasting verity. Kingdoms and nations rise and fall, but God endures forever. No sacrifice of animals would bring redemption or happiness, but self sacrifice towards a brotherhood of men, as the children of one God, be they the Jew or Gentile, was the key to enduring happiness. He preached humbleness to one another, and love to all. True, it was not a new precept, but a Jewish one from old testament days, but, "not coming to destroy the law" he stressed it as of greatest importance. He lived it, not as mere lip service, but as a living thing. He exemplified the righteous way of life; justice for all, that the downtrodden and persecuted should have the same rights to life and freedom as the publicans, priests and nobles. Then (and now) such doctrines were considered dangerous, if they meant the betterment of the masses or infringement of luxuries of the autocratic few. Then (and now) masses suffer, and their leaders taste the bitter consequences of such rashness.

On Easter we rejoice in the fact that His truth surmounted the dark evils of that day, and spread with tremendous force over the whole world. For truth can never be suppressed. But—ask and answer honestly, each one of us—are we following that truth? Or have we accepted Jesus as a mere example, the cross as an excuse to use the sword of vengeance, forgetting His teaching and what He represented?

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Paris, which I was happy to get and enjoyed looking at the interesting photos. Aciu Albineli. . . . Antanas Vaivada who is now with Patton in France, was elevated to a Lt. Tony, who made the Legion of Merit, is a member of the staff of Naujienos (Chicago Lith. Daily News) and married to Milda Baronas. Good luck, Tonuks. . . . The picture of Eddie Wolod, Y 1c (LYS), appeared in the Herald-American (Chicago), nice and large, describing that Eddie was the "Captain's voice" during the Luzon landings. He did the calling of orders. Boy, our Eddie! The voice! Eddie is also a folk festival vet. . . . Among the soldiers liberated on Luzon was also Norman Lev, cousin of Irv (LYS). . . . S-Sgt. Tony . . . Some of you LYS's might be surprised to learn of the engagement of Patricia McNamara (not to Joe Lankus) to George Lovell. It was a love that swept them both off their feet. George is a vet of European invasions and is ending his 30 day furlough in Chicago. Pat is one of the three fast pals who grew up together, the other two are Lil Cinskas and Jane Mateunas. All three attended the Lith. St. Kazimir's Academy for girls, all three joined at an early age LYS and grew up under "my wings" (Ahem!) all three are festival vets and all three are swell gals, can't be beat. Lil (I sincerely hope) will be my future sister-in-law; Jane is engaged to handsome F-O Bob Keller, and now, Patsie joined the ranks of a "steady." By the way, congrats on the day of your Patron Saint (March 17th) and the same to Pat Roche, leader of the Irish group.

FAIRHOPE

The Organic Cardinals have had a very successful basketball season. The best in a long time. Outstanding were the cousins, Paul Gaston and Tommy Nichols and Dorman Porter. The cheer leaders are given credit too. Instance: In one Foley game, in a packed gym where only seven SOE's attended, when the cheer leaders tried to yell their stuff, they were booed down. Organic was trailing, but this unsporting display on Foley's part infuriated them to such an extent that Organic beat Foley. . . . Tom Edmonds who now lives in Pleasantville, N. Y., discovered that the Polka is quite popular up "nawth" and wishes he knew more of it. He likes the Pleasant Ville with its heavy snows and white Xmas. . . . Popular Azzile Forster was engaged to Ensign Frank Anderson, of Kanapolis, Kansas. Azzile is the cousin of Sgt. Tony and Pvt. Bernie Klumpp. . . . Major David Dougherty delivered a very delightful discourse at the assembly of the Organic on his experiences in the Dutch East Indies. David, who is "much" decorated for his many daring exploits, had plenty to relate to keep his listeners agape. . . . Peggy Wood came in from Valdosta where she is attending college, to spend a week-end with brother Raymond, and was amazed at the handsomeness of her brother. She probably exclaimed, like the Beulah of the radio fame: "Love! That man!" . . . The way Edna Rockwell described her Cyril, I'm set and waiting to receive a wedding invitation which might be any day soon. Is it that bad? What has he got? And, how come Lil Sis overlooked him? . . . Her brother, David, who suddenly shot up and became handsome in the Rockwell tradition, is also playing his part in helping the Organic Cardinals win their basketball games. . . . The young set sponsored a St. Valentine's dance to raise funds for the March of Dimes. With it was a popularity contest. Phyllis Roberts and Eloise Nichols were the two out of seven leading. Just as it seemed that Eloise was about to be crowned, up comes Jean Cowles and "uncrowns" Eloise with a 30 point lead. Shucks! Anyway, they raised 300 bucks and that is a lot of deer. . . . We hear Paul Gaston sees much of Joyce Egan. Oh, well, they come and go. Who is next, Pablo?